Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Tuesday 17 Jan 2023 until 23:59 on Wednesday 18 Jan 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 17 Jan 2023 at 02:20 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for the very cold conditions with snow showers to continue until Friday then a change to milder conditions into the weekend but lower confidence for the timing of this.

Headline for Tuesday 17 Jan 2023: Bright spells and a few snow showers. Severe wind chill.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 17 Jan 2023

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Light snow showers	Light snow showers	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability					
20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%

Forecast for Tuesday 17 Jan 2023

Weather: Clear spells and a few snow showers overnight, mainly in the northwest. Sunny spells and scattered snow showers on Tuesday, the showers mainly across Lochaber and western Argyll with longest sunny spells across the southeast over the Trossachs.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70%, best chance in the southeast.

Low Cloud and visibility: Mainly good visibility but patchy cloud down to 500 or 600m in the north and west and briefly very poor in snow showers. Some blowing of lying snow at times on the tops.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	23/26 W	20/24 W	21/26 W	21/26 W	25/31 NW	31/39 NW	31/40 NW
900	12/16 W	11/15 W	13/18 W	14/19 W	14/20 NW	17/24 NW	19/27 NW
600	14/17 SW	11/15 SW	14/19 SW	13/17 SW	12/17 SW	18/25 W	19/26 N
300	6/7 SW	5/8 SW	7/10 SW	7/12 W	7/11 W	10/16 W	9/16 NW
Glen	3/7 SW	5/11 W	6/13 W	6/15 W	5/13 W	6/17 NW	6/16 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-9/-18	-9/-18	-9/-18	-7/-16	-8/-18	-7/-17	-7/-17
900	-6/-13	-6/-12	-6/-12	-5/-11	-6/-12	-5/-12	-4/-12
600	-4/-10	-4/-9	-3/-10	-2/-8	-3/-9	-2/-9	-2/-9
300	-2/-5	-2/-5	-1/-4	-1/-4	-2/-5	-1/-6	-0/-5
Glen	-0/-2	-0/-3	1/-2	1/-2	0/-2	1/-2	1/-1
Freezing Level*	00m	00m	100m	100m	00m	100m	200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Bitterly cold conditions especially in exposure to the strong breeze and in snow showers.

Forecast for Wednesday 18 Jan 2023
Weather: Clear or sunny intervals and occasional snow showers, most frequent in the northwest. Strong winds on the tops with severe wind chill and blowing snow.

Maximum wind: Northwesterly 25 to 30mph, gusts 40 to 50mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60%.

Low Cloud and visibility: Often very poor in snow showers with patchy cloud and fog. Blowing snow will also reduce visibility at times. Occasional good visibility, mainly in the southeast.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 2C rising to 1 or 2C.
At 800m: Minus 4C
Freezing level: 200m.

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